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CAO Press Release

CAO opens for applications 5 November at noon

The CAO application process for the 2016 season opens on 5 November at noon.

Potential applicants can go to www.cao.ie and start their application by entering their personal details, their qualifications or type of assessment, and making a payment.

Applying early has its advantages, as applications processed before 5:15pm on 20 January benefit from a discounted application fee of €25. The normal application fee up to 1 February at 5:15pm is €40.

“Applicants do not need to have decided on their course choices at this stage – the first step in the application process is to obtain your CAO application number. You can then login to your account up to 31 January to introduce and amend your choices free of charge”, said general manager of CAO, Joe O’Grady.

“There is no reason to delay registering with CAO. Leaving an application to the last minute causes unnecessary stress. You should obtain your application number and submit any additional information required of you before the 1 February at 5:15pm” he added.

Applicants who wish to apply to CAO are advised to read the CAO handbook in advance of submitting an application, and also to use the ‘Demo Application’ facility. The ‘Demo Application’ is an almost exact-replica of the online application form which can be used by applicants to practice their application. This facility is accessible from the ‘Student Resources’ section of the CAO website.

There are a number of useful resources available on the CAO website, including video guides, and a CAO App is available to download.

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